September 9, 2015

Tom Wheeler
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

RE: MB Docket No. 15-149

Dear Chairman Wheeler,

With more than 10,000 members, the Greater Cleveland Partnership (GCP) is a membership association of Northeast Ohio companies and organizations and one of the largest metropolitan chambers of commerce in the nation. The Greater Cleveland Partnership was created in March 2004 by the consolidation of Cleveland Tomorrow, the Greater Cleveland Growth Association, the Greater Cleveland Roundtable and their primary affiliates. Through this merger, the private sector is able to better allocate two of its most precious resources, dollars and committed leadership, toward creating a more vibrant economy in Northeast Ohio; as well as speak with one voice on behalf of job and wealth-creation priorities locally, in Columbus and in Washington, D.C.

We have been following the merger proposal of Charter Communications, Time Warner Cable and Bright House Networks, and after consideration, we offer our full support. New Charter has already agreed to invest heavily in our nation's broadband infrastructure. Specifically, it would commit at least $2.5 billion to build out commercial network lines and put up one million new residential lines. It will allow regions like ours to market to highly competitive, technologically complex companies.

New Charter would be committed to American jobs. New Charter has committed to return jobs previously outsourced by one of the merging cable companies back to America. With over 2,000 Time Warner Cable employees already in Northeast Ohio, New Charter's loyalty to American jobs would be very valuable to our local economy.

I urge you to consider these points as you evaluate the proposal.

Sincerely yours,

Joseph D. Roman
President and Chief Executive Officer

JDR:pjm

cc: Marty McGann, Senior Vice President, Advocacy

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